

# Welcome!

We are glad you're here! We want your experience to be a good one, so we have put together a bit of info to help you know what to expect while you are here.

**Our worship service:** Thanks for joining us today! We will begin the service with singing. Feel free to stand, sing, dance, or just listen as we express our worship to God. If you don't know the songs, don't worry, just follow along with the words on the screen!

**The message:** This is a time of practical teaching from the Bible. Often, multi-media presentations are incorporated to supplement the message. There is space in the bulletin to take notes if you wish. If you don't have a Bible, ask for one at the information desk, and it's yours to keep!

**The offering:** This is a time to share with the church how God has blessed us financially. If you are visiting, don't feel you have to contribute. The only thing we'd like from you is your connections card (on the back of this page).

**Prayer time:** We will pray together a couple of times throughout the service. On the last Sunday of each month, elders will be available to meet confidentially after services with anyone desiring spiritual, physical, emotional, or relational healing.

**Refreshments:** Join us for coffee in the back of the sanctuary after service! Visitors may pick up a complementary gift mug and welcome packet. If you have any questions, this is the place to find answers!

**Childcare:** Your children are welcome to remain with you throughout the service! We love that our church is a welcoming place for families. We do have a nursery for children ages 0-3 years if you would prefer to use that. We also have a cry room near the back of the sanctuary for fussy children and nursing mothers. Children ages 3-7 are invited to participate in Children's Worship, an age-appropriate worship and learning time. Children start service with their parents and will be dismissed part way through. If you are unfamiliar with this program, you are encouraged to accompany your kids the first time. They can be picked up after each service in Room 5 on the lower level. Children 8 and older are encouraged to remain in the service with their parents. If they fill out a sermon notes card, they can turn it in at the information desk for a special treat!

**Formality:** We have no dress code. Whether you are in jeans or a tux, we're just glad you're here! You are also welcome to sip your coffee or read along with scripture passages on your mobile devices. We just ask that you silence your phones as a courtesy to others.

To learn more about our ministries and beliefs, be sure to pick up a welcome packet at the information desk or visit our website: [rockfordreformedchurch.org](http://rockfordreformedchurch.org).

# Prayer Fellowship

## Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Ben Gandy** is recovering after back surgery on Nov 26.
- ~**Lee Harvey** is in rehab at Porter Hills dealing with infections & other issues.
- ~**Ray Dulyea** – continued prayer that his kidney test “numbers” will not change.
- ~**Bill Boyd** continues home dialysis and awaits a transplant.
- ~Be in prayer for **disaster victims**, and **people searching for jobs**.
- ~Pray for our military: **Michael Best, Phil Scholten, Nick Welch** and all military personnel.

## Extended Family:

- ~**Doug Elzerman** (Jane's brother) diagnosed with stage IV spinal cancer.
- ~**Elsa Scholten** (Nancy Tigchon's mom) hospitalized with infection and torn hamstring.
- ~**Judy Shanken** (Shanken's sister-in-law) dealing with blood clot in lung & other complications.
- ~**Israel Madema** (Arlene Hunsberger's grandson) under Hospice care for terminal brain cancer.
- ~**Marilyn Grindol** (Nancy Jansen's sister) is undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~**Marcia Pollie** (Sharon Dulyea's sister) continues chemo treatments.

## Praise & Thanksgiving:

Congratulations to **Aaron & Renee Harvey** at the birth of their daughter, **Amelia Faith**, on Nov 28. Proud grandparents are **Lee & Faith Paull**.

## Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 305  
Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$10,669.56  
Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$2,876.00



Rockford Reformed Church  
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Sunday, December 15, 2013 • Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am



## “Christmas Music Celebration”



<i>Sing to the King</i>	Congregation
Advent Reading	
<i>Sing We Noel</i>	Village Green Singers
<i>Sing We All The First Noel</i>	Village Green Singers
<i>Stranger in a Manger</i>	Children's Choir
<i>King of Heaven</i>	Congregation
<i>Throne Room Suite, Part 1</i>	Celebration Choir
<i>Behold the Lamb of God</i>	Congregation
Announcements, Prayer, Video	Pastor Rick Tigchon
Offering, <i>Mary Did You Know?</i>	Trio
<i>A Soalin'</i>	Village Green Singers
<i>When Love Came Down</i>	Village Green Singers
<i>Lead Me to Bethlehem</i>	Celebration Choir
Advent Poem	
<i>Innkeeper</i>	Celebration Choir
<i>Children Go Where I Send Thee</i>	Puppet Team
<i>#249 O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	Congregation
<i>#277 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	Congregation

Nursery - 8:45am: Megan DeVries, Kate Fleetham 11:00am: Beth Jennings

## Next Sunday:

“Why Jesus Says He Came”

Matthew 20:20-28 • Pastor Rick Tigchon

**Vision:** To always be a living reflection of Christ's hands, feet, and voice in the community.

**Mission:** To connect people to Jesus Christ and encourage them to grow in their relationship with Him through worship and fellowship, so they will reach out to serve and disciple others for the glory of God.

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## Want more info?

Just stop by our information desk at the back of the sanctuary or go online:

**rockfordreformedchurch.org**

# Announcements

### Today:

**8:30am: Prayer Meeting** in Rm #1. All welcome!

**9:50am: Sunday School for all ages**

**NOTE: NO Sunday School on Dec 22 & 29 Christmas/New Year Break!**

Ages 3 & 4 meet in Classroom #9

Grades K – 5<sup>th</sup> meet in the “Acts of Faith” Room

Middle School (grades 6-8) meet in the Youth Room

Senior High (grades 9-12) meet in Classroom #25

Adults: “Intro to the Bible,” Classroom #22

“Studying the Gospel of Mark,” Classroom #20 (Fireside Rm)

“Deepening Your Experience with the Bible: Philipians,” Rm #21

**3:30-9:00pm: High School Youth Group** (grades 9-12) Progressive Dinner

**NOTE: NO High School Youth Group on Dec 22, 29, & Jan 5.**

### This Week:

**Tues, 7:00am: Men’s Prayer Breakfast.** Join us any time.

**Tues, 9:30am: Women’s Bible Study** – Christmas Break, start again Jan 7.

**Wed, Pioneer Club Christmas Program:** 6:00pm Dinner, 6:45pm Program.

**Wed, 6:30pm: Middle School Youth Group** (grades 6-8) meet in the Youth Rm

**NOTE: NO Middle School Youth Group on Dec. 25, Jan 1 & Jan 8.**

**Wed, 6:45pm: NO classes for adults on Dec. 18** – Enjoy the Christmas Program!

**NOTE: NO Wednesday Activities on Dec 25 & Jan 1. Christmas/New Year Break!**

### Announcements & Upcoming Events:

**Tues, Dec 24, 4pm & 6pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**

(Nursery provided) *Volunteers needed for the nursery!*

**Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University 2014:** Classes begin January 5 – March 2, 1:30-3:00pm in the Fireside Room. Registration (including materials) is \$93 per couple. Register on line at [rockfordreformedchurch.org/fpu2014](http://rockfordreformedchurch.org/fpu2014)

### Annual Congregational Meeting Results:

Elected as Administrative Elder: **Scott Brownell**

Elected as Shepherd Elder: **Dan Buckley, Nancy Steenwyk**

Elected as Service Deacon: **Lisa DeBoer, Nate Jennings**

The Proposed Budget for 2014 was approved.

(Copies of the meeting handouts are available at the info desk.

Our appreciation is expressed to outgoing consistory members: **Nick Malone, Doug Peterman, Russ Rinvelt, Marcia Coleman, Deb Coon.** Thank you for your faithful service to RRC.

# Connections Card

If you wish to use this card, tear it off at the fold and place it in the offering plate, or take it to the information desk.

- I would like to know more about becoming a follower of Christ
- I'm a visitor and would like more information about RRC
- I would like offering envelopes
- Prayer request (please keep confidential)
- Prayer request (may be shared)
- I'm interested in membership
- Suggestion, question, or concern
- Update my contact info (see below)
- Subscribe to e-news (email address required)

I want to sign up or volunteer for: \_\_\_\_\_

You may submit this anonymously, but if you would like a response or are signing up for something, please give us your contact info:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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